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Subject: In Support of the MEC Letter on MM Docket No. 99-25

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on Sunday, July 25, 1999 at 11:19:58

comments: Heck ya I support Low Power FM radio, because that way I can hear more
than mainstream music and cookie cutter DJ's. Radio Broadcast shouldn't
be limited to only those with a lot of money, but to the people, because
these are our airwaves also!

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cc: President Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Vice President Al Gore
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Date: Mon, Jul 26, 1999 12:38 PM
Subject: In Support of the MEC Letter on MM Docket No. 99-25

This email was submitted by Shon Schooler (ssschooler@yahoo.com)
on Monday, July 26, 1999 at 11:38:59

comments: Dear FCC,

In this era of television and computers, we, the people, are becoming more and more disconnected with the community in which we live. Granting us the ability to use our airwaves in the interest of intracommunity communication is a step toward a stronger society. It would give the individual a sense of community and empowerment. I do not believe that are not asking for much. I firmly agree with all the statements in the above letter and ask you to give it the consideration that it deserves.

Sincerely,
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comments: This could level the playing feild for musicians and record labels who dont want to jump through hoops just to be heard. In other words , you wont have to be rich to be heard. I think this is an idea long overdue.

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